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In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due** dated February 22, 2007, the following documents are transmitted for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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- 2. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$1,709.00 to cover:

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